

FY 2021-22 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Police

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REQUEST: Can the training recommended by the Violence Survivor Services and Prevention Work Group of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force be absorbed by APD's existing training and education budget?

RESPONSE:

The current and proposed budget do not include funding for a Victim Services position dedicated to the APD Academy. The recommendation from the Reimagining Public Safety (RPS) Task Force was to increase the amount of time Victim Services Counselors train cadets and to include Victim Services in Field Training Officer training and recertification. In addition to the recommendations from the RPS Task Force, CM Alter provided additional direction to the APD Academy to further incorporate Victim Services into academy curriculum, instruction, and content delivery/framing that will provide additional reinforcement of trauma-informed approaches for cadets. In order to meet the requirement from CM Alter, the decision was made to reallocate an existing Victim Services counselor position to the academy for the duration of the current cadet class. In order to meet the recommendation from the RPS Task Force and requirements from CM Alter for future cadet classes, funding would have to be allocated for a full-time Victim Services Counselor position at a cost of \$89,231 for salary and benefits.